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Status						
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 A	pril 2004.					
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowa	nce except for formal matters, pr	osecution as to the merits	s is			
closed in accordance with the practice under the	Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4	53 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application	l .					
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdra	wn from consideration.					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-19</u> is/are rejected.			•			
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	or election requirement.					
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	er.					
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acc	cepted or b) objected to by the	Examiner.				
Applicant may not request that any objection to the	drawing(s) be held in abeyance. Se	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).				
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11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the E	xaminer. Note the attached Office	e Action or form PTO-152	2.			
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreigr a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of:	n priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a	ı)-(d) or (f).				
1.⊠ Certified copies of the priority documen	ts have been received.					
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* See the attached detailed Office action for a list	of the certified copies not receiv	ed.				
Attachment(s) 1) ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) 🔲 Interview Summar	v (PTO-413)				
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

- 1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: I[uA] and 70 in Fig. 1; all elements in Figs. 9-10 and 14; $\frac{1}{0}$, $\frac{1}{0}$, $\frac{1}{1}$, DATUM and F in Fig. 15. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
- 2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: voltage Vx (last line, page 15). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application

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Claim Objections

3. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 10 and 15 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, no antecedent basis for "the contents" and "the basis o the temporal".

Claim 2, no antecedent basis for "the modification order".

Claim 6, no antecedent basis for "the contents", "the basis for the temporal relation", "the cell current" and "the reference current".

Claim 7, no antecedent basis for "the condition".

Claim 10, no antecedent basis for "the contents" and "the basis of the temporal relation".

Claim 15, no antecedent basis for "the cell current", "the reference current" and "the basis of the temporal relation".

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 4. Claims 1-19 are allowed.
- 5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The reading method and the memory device having an array memory cell, a reference memory cell, biasing means and evaluation means as recited in claims 1-19 has not been found in the prior art.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lee et al., 6,275,417, Haddad et al., 6,157,572, Hazama, 6,339,548, Campardo et al., 6,456,527, Cernea et al., 5,596,532, Fazio et al., 5,508,958, Engh et al., 5,963,462, and Wong, 6,038,166.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRONG PHAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-1794. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HOAI HO can be reached on (571)272-1777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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